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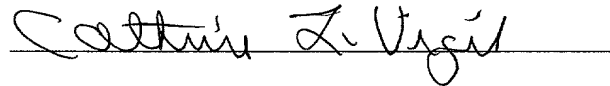
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For: **Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3 and 8 to read as follows:

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 wherein predisposition for obesity is determined as a genetic susceptibility for increased body-mass index.
8. (Amended) The method according to claim 4 wherein the said polymorphism is in position -602, -399, or -84 in the promoter region of the human neuropeptide Y gene.

Please add the following claims 10-12:

--10. (NEW) The method according to claim 2 wherein predisposition for obesity is determined as a genetic susceptibility for increased body-mass index.--

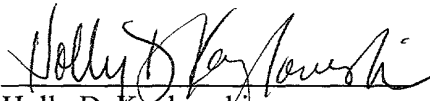
--11. (NEW) The method according to claim 5 wherein the said polymorphism is in position -602, -399, or -84 in the promoter region of the human neuropeptide Y gene.--

--12. (NEW) The method according to claim 6 wherein the said polymorphism is in position -602, -399, or -84 in the promoter region of the human neuropeptide Y gene.--

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 2 and 8 are amended to omit their multiple dependency. A Version With Markings Showing Changes Made is attached. Claims 10-12 are added. Support for claim 10 may be found in original claim 2, while support for claims 11 and 12 may be found in original claim 8. It is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter, whereby entry is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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Claims 3 and 8 are amended as follows:

3. (Amended) The method according to claim 1 [or 2] wherein predisposition for obesity is determined as a genetic susceptibility for increased body-mass index.

8. (Amended) The method according to [any one of claims 4 to 6] claim 4 wherein the said polymorphism is in position -602, -399, or -84 in the promoter region of the human neuropeptide Y gene.